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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 27, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

## GERMANS MAKING MOST OF VICTORY

Von Mackensen Pressing the Retreating Russo-Rumanian Army Hard

## FRENCH DRIVING ANEW NEAR VERDUN

Have Repulsed All of the Counter Attacks of the Crown Prince's Army in Their Efforts to Recapture Fort Douaumont.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen is making the most of his victory in Dobruja and is pressing the retreating Russo-Rumanian army hard.

Sofia reports this army in precipitate flight towards the further reaches of the Danube and Petrograd admits a retirement towards the Hirsova-Casapkeni line, more than 40 miles north of the Constantza-Ternavoda railway. The Russians and Rumanians who were cut off from railroad communication with the loss of Ternavoda are fighting hard, Petrograd declares.

In resisting the Austro-German thrust into Rumania from the northwest the Russo-Rumanian forces are having more success. Rumanian troops on the Moldavian frontier have made further progress into Transylvania, capturing another village, the Russian war office reports.

Before Verdun the French are driving anew at the German lines after having, according to the Paris war office, repulsed all the numerous attacks of the crown prince's troops in efforts to recapture Fort Douaumont and other positions.

In a fresh attack last night, the statement declares, the French scored advances west and south of Fort Vaux, closing in further upon this important work.

Berlin declares that a French attack yesterday in the region east of Fort Douaumont was repulsed with heavy losses. Paris reports a violent bombardment by the Germans of the French lines at Fort Douaumont and the Chemin des Dames. On the Somme front Berlin announces the breaking up by German guns of a French attack.

### First Baptist Church

The Junior Christian Endeavor society of the Baptist church will hold a very important meeting in the chapel Friday afternoon at 4:15. A large attendance is hoped for.

Tonight at 7:30—Prayer meeting of the church. Read the gospel of Mark. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28.—The Woman's society will conduct a rummage sale in the vacant store on High street. Bring all parcels to the store on Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning. If unable to bring parcels report to Mrs. C. R. Crosby.

### Centre Congregational Church

Friday evening at 7:30—Midweek meeting of the church. Subject, New Opportunities of Brotherhood. John 4:1-21.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Rehearsal of third degree team at 8 o'clock Oct. 28.

**BIG SALE OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS**  
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## AEROPLANE SHOT DOWN BY DIRIGIBLE

Italians Compelled to Destroy Latter Craft After They Landed—Captain Decorated.

ROME, Oct. 27.—A fight between an Italian dirigible airship and an Austrian aeroplane at a height of more than three miles over the Albanian coast resulting in the aeroplane being shot down and the dirigible afterwards being destroyed by its own officers inside the Austrian lines, was told of today when King Victor Emmanuel conferred medals for valor on three of the Italian air corps. After two days of wandering and suffering from cold and hunger the captain of the dirigible, the Austrians and, regressing the mountains, reached the Italian camp.

tack in preparation on the south of the river.

Berlin's account of the fighting in Dobruja reports that the district of Hirsova has been reached by Field Marshal Van Mackensen's troops south of the Rumanian boundary the forces of Gen. Von Falkenhayn are continuing to advance in the direction of Campulung and below Predel, the statement announces. In Volynia and elsewhere along the Russian front the German war office reports the repulse of Russian attacks, notably one in the Kiselin sector to the west of Lutsk.

## BYRCE APPROVES LEAGUE OF PEACE

Former Ambassador to This Country Would Like to Have American Statesmen Join.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Viscount Bryce, in a letter to the Times endorsing the speech of Viscount Grey in approval of the league of peace idea, urged the British government to take advantage of it and "as soon as the end of the war comes in sight" to endeavor in conjunction with American statesmen, to formally "consider how such a league should be formed."

### MINE SWEEPER SUNK.

Seventy-Five on British Ship Perished—12 Saved.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The British mine sweeping vessel Genista has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an announcement given out by the British admiralty. All the officers and 73 members of the mine sweeper's crew were lost. The survivors numbered 12.

The statement given out by the British admiralty says: "One of our mine sweeping vessels, H. M. S. Genista, Lieut. Commander John White, R. N., was torpedoed by an enemy submarine on October 23 and sunk. All her officers and 73 men were lost and 12 men were saved.

When last seen the ship was sinking, but was still engaged with the enemy submarine.

The sinking, presumably by submarines, of six merchant vessels, including three neutrals, is announced today by Lloyd's. Two are Norwegian, one is Danish, two are British and one is Belgian.

The Norwegian steamship Sola of 3,057 tons, whose sinking is announced, sailed from New York Oct. 8 for Havre. The crew was landed. The Norwegian steamship Venus, 11,784 gross tons, was sunk also. The Danish ship is the steamship Ulf, 1,313 gross tons.

The British steamship Sidmouth and the British schooner Tweed have been sunk. The Sidmouth's crew was landed. Her tonnage was 4,045 gross. She belonged to Annan Brothers of Stockton. The Belgian vessel was the steamship Comtesse de Flandre, 1,810 tons gross.

### BASEBALL CONFERENCE.

Proposal for a New National Commission to Be Discussed.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National commission, came here today for a conference with Baa B. Johnson, president of the American league, and members of the national commission and other baseball men. It was understood that the proposal of Barney Dreyfuss for a new national commission would be discussed.

### ROOSEVELT IN CLEVELAND.

To Speak in the Ohio City November 2 in Behalf of Hughes.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 27.—Republican headquarters announced today that Col. Roosevelt will speak here Nov. 2 in behalf of the candidacy of Charles E. Hughes.

### HUGHES LEAVES BOSTON.

To Make Two-Day Campaign in New York, Speaking First at Utica.

BOSTON, October 27.—Charles E. Hughes left here today for a two-day campaign in New York state. The first speech today was at Utica.

Mrs. Henry A. Harman of Rutland, former president of the Vermont branch of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations, has been appointed chairman of the publicity committee of the national organization in recognition of her services as the first head of the Vermont association.

## WOULD IMPROVE RELIEF AGENCIES

Thompson Fund Trustees Suggest Plan for More Co-operation

## IDEA IS OUTLINED AT MEETING TODAY

Contemplates Creation of Office to Be Held by Woman of Experience to Make Hospital, Mutual Aid and School Work More Efficient.

Representatives of the trustees of the Thomas Thompson fund, the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, the Brattleboro Mutual Aid association and the incorporated school district, met in the office of Dr. A. I. Miller this noon to consider a proposition from the Thompson fund trustees looking to an increase in the efficiency of the three organizations. No action was taken, but the representatives agreed to report the matter to their respective organizations.

The Thompson fund trustees state that in the past few years it has been evident that the hospital, the out-lying department of the Mutual Aid association and the health department of the schools have much to gain by co-operation with each other and that they have lost much in efficiency where co-operation and mutual understanding have been lacking. The trustees think that there is good opportunity to improve conditions in this respect, not by any attempt to consolidate or control the lines of work, but by the creation of a position to be held by some woman of experience whose services should be available to a governing committee of the organizations and who would be in a position to bring the various branches into proper and satisfactory relations.

"Those familiar with each of those branches of work," the trustees say, "know that in connection with the machine routine of running a hospital, caring for the sick in their homes, and inspecting and guarding school children, there are constantly arising problems that may be called community problems that must be solved rightly or the work of hospital visiting nurse or school nurse is largely thrown away."

"It does not good to maintain an expensive hospital if the patients most needing its services do not get there. It does no good to perform a skillful operation if the patient leaves the hospital to go into conditions that insure speedy breakdown. It does little good to inspect and guard the child if there are unremedied home conditions that are fatal to its well being. There is little satisfaction in carrying a case through illness at home if the housing conditions of the family promise further and more severe trouble, or if such service merely allows a proper hospital case to be kept away from the hospital."

"The very best and hardest workers in individual lines become narrowed in their point of view and jealous and incapable of either giving or taking help unless there is constant means of reminding them that they are all part of a large work."

In suggesting an outline of possible work for a woman in bringing the organizations into more efficient relations the trustees say that she could keep the hospital executive committee in general touch with the work of the hospital so that they might give it efficient direction; have follow-up work done for discharged patients; act as a link between the hospital and out-lying organization; assist the matron in the instruction of nurses where desired; keep the Mutual Aid association directors in touch with the work; meet such general social problems as might arise; bring the Mutual Aid into co-operation with hospital and school work; secure co-operation from the various church and civic bodies; organize if found desirable emergency stations and home nursing instruction in neighboring small communities, etc.

### DRY SPECIAL INVASION.

Candidate Landrith Delivering Hot Shot in Massachusetts Cities.

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 27.—Foreign born citizens who bring their "national sins" with them to America and politicians who appeal to voters were similarly criticised by Ira Landrith, the prohibition vice presidential candidate, today on the opening of the New England invasion of the "dry" special train campaign.

Two former governors of Indiana who are now candidates for national honors, J. Frank Hanly, the prohibition presidential aspirant, and Vice President Marshall were in Springfield at the same time today but they did not meet.

Hanly delivered his customary attack on Marshall there for his aid in obtaining the repeal of the local option law in Indiana. Ten Massachusetts cities were to be visited today by the prohibitionists.

## TELEGRAM REVEALS MISUNDERSTANDING

Attorney C. C. Pitts Speaks in New York State—National Committee Heard He Was Not Present.

A peculiar and interesting misunderstanding came to light yesterday afternoon in a telegram to Attorney Clarke C. Pitts of this town from a member of the Republican national committee. Mr. Pitts's services are at the disposal of the committee, and he was assigned to speak at Fort Plain, N. Y., Wednesday night. He left here that day to keep the engagement.

Yesterday afternoon a telegram came to Mr. Pitts's office from a member of the national committee saying that an audience of 1,000 persons assembled at Fort Plain the night before to hear him speak and that a brass band was on hand to furnish music and that there was disappointment because he did not arrive. He was asked if he could meet the rest of the assignments.

The persons in Mr. Pitts's office knew that he left for Fort Plain and were at a loss to know why he did not arrive there. They had an address in Boston where he was to be yesterday and so called him there.

He told them that he addressed an enthusiastic rally in Fort Plain the night before, and he could not explain the telegram.

## GERMAN WARSHIPS JOINED IN RAID

Two Destroyers Sunk and Others Driven Off—Two British Ships Damaged and One Missing.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Ten German torpedo boat destroyers attempted to raid the British cross-channel transport service last night but the attempt failed, says an official statement issued by the British admiralty today. Two of the German destroyers were sunk and the others were driven off. The German destroyers succeeded in sinking one empty transport, the Queen. All members of her crew were saved. One British torpedo boat destroyer, the Flirt, is missing, the British statement adds, and another destroyer, the Nubian, was disabled by a torpedo and ran aground. Nine members of the crew of the Flirt were saved.

### MASONIC LEAGUE OPENS.

Team E Defeats Team B After Losing First String.

Team E of the Masonic bowling league opened the league season on the Masonic alleys last evening by defeating team B by a score of 1,266 to 1,238. Team B won the first string, but team E improved with each of the following strings and won out on the total. Dr. Pettie had high single of 111, but high total went to Cain and McRae, each of whom had a total of 277. The scores:

|              |     |     |     |       |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Team E.      | 70  | 64  | 87  | 221   |
| McRae (Sub). | 88  | 94  | 95  | 277   |
| Cain,        | 95  | 90  | 92  | 277   |
| Skinner,     | 78  | 73  | 75  | 226   |
| Barber,      | 81  | 101 | 83  | 265   |
| Total,       | 412 | 422 | 432 | 1,266 |
| Team B.      | 80  | 91  | 91  | 262   |
| Viele,       | 72  | 75  | 85  | 232   |
| A. Jordan,   | 78  | 80  | 74  | 232   |
| Pettie,      | 111 | 72  | 80  | 263   |
| Thompson,    | 84  | 74  | 82  | 240   |
| Total,       | 425 | 404 | 412 | 1,238 |

### WORD TO THEATER PATRONS.

Manager Fox Enthusiastic Over The Blue Paradise.

The Blue Paradise, at the Auditorium tomorrow afternoon and evening, is one of the largest and I believe one of the best of pretentious musical productions of recent years.

From up the state where it has very recently been some reports favorable, flattering and enthusiastic.

In Rutland it drew the largest audience of the season, who were pleased and delighted. The Herald speaks of it as "tuneless and slightly," "with the true comic opera flavor," "excellently conceived," "well dressed," and "beautifully produced."

If Brattleboro patrons want the best in stage offerings, I hope they will not miss the opportunity of seeing and hearing this delightful entertainment.

GEORGE E. FOX.

### GIRL OBEYED HUSBAND.

Clipped Her Hair and Dressed in Boy's Clothing.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 27.—Attired in a suit of boy's clothing and with her hair clipped short, Mrs. Ethel Vetter, aged 19 years, daughter of William Bailey of Kansas City, Kan., was arrested here recently in company with Alvin Vetter of Boston, her husband.

Believing the chances to obtain employment better in Boston than in the middle West, Vetter says he asked his wife to join him in a tramp across the country. Their money soon was exhausted and they were nearly famished when they reached here.

Mrs. Vetter carried a bag containing the hair which she said she clipped off at her husband's request because she had "promised to obey."

Fish are being shipped to England via Montreal from British Columbia waters, the reason being the fish shortage due to the war's interference with the North Sea fisheries.

## COMMANDERS ARE ON THE ALERT

Ready for Possible Outbreak, But No Troop Movements Expected

## 35 HEARST COWBOYS DEFEAT VILLISTAS

It Is Believed That the Announcement That an Attack Was Expected Will Have the Effect of the Abandonment of the Plot.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 27.—While southern department headquarters today complied with orders from the war department to notify border commanders to be on the alert for a possible outbreak it was said no troop movements were expected. It was intimated that in the present disposition the American forces were deemed capable of meeting any emergency. Despatches from Washington said government officials hoped today that the publication of Secretary Baker's statement that the war department had received word that another Mexican bandit attack was expected would have the effect of causing abandonment of the plot. A report from field headquarters of the American punitive expedition in Mexico says that a party of 35 cowboys from the Hearst ranch near Bahiaora attacked and defeated a detachment of Villa's followers.

## BAKER FINDS PLOT FOR BORDER RAID

Funston and Pershing Warned That the War Department Has Proof for Attack on Frontier.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Secretary of War Baker issued late yesterday this statement to the press:

"The war department has received definite information, confirmed from other sources, that enemies of the administration's policy toward Mexico, in co-operation with Villa or other bandits in Mexico, have arranged a spectacular attack to be made either upon some part of the American forces or upon some American community on the border between now and the date of the election for the purpose of turning the tide of sentiment against the policy which the administration has adopted for the protection of the border."

"It is significant in this connection that both the state and war departments were advised that the bandit forces operating at the present time in Mexico are being paid in silver coin."

"Full particulars have been transmitted to Gen. Funston and Gen. Pershing. All American forces, therefore, are forewarned and in readiness for such an attack."

The decision to issue the statement was reached at a conference participated in by Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary Baker and Counselor Polk of the state department. The statement, however, was not actually given out until an hour after both the state and war departments were closed for the day, and all officials refused to divulge the sources of the information on which it was based.

### WILMINGTON.

Former Teacher in Auto Accident.

Miss Alice Bancroft, a former teacher in the primary department, had a narrow escape from death when the automobile in which she was riding with four others went over a five-foot embankment near Lyndon, Vt. The man driving the car and his wife were killed and the other occupants of the car were somewhat bruised and shaken up.

Donald Cook was in Brattleboro Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Quinn was in North Adams Saturday.

J. Barcellona is in New York on a business trip.

Miss Annie Barre is visiting at her home in Readsboro.

Mrs. Alva Canedy visited in West Dover a few days last week.

Mrs. F. S. Crafts entertained the Reading club Friday afternoon.

L. H. and William E. Barber of Brattleboro visited in town Sunday.

E. M. Hathaway of Whitingham was in town on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. May went Monday to visit at Fred May's a few days.

Mrs. P. Z. Whitney spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Marlboro.

Mr. and Mrs. William Warren of Halifax visited at P. Z. Whitney's Sunday.

Elbridge Wheeler of Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting his brother, A. L. Wheeler.

S. E. Barnes returned Monday from a trip to Springfield, Worcester and other places.

Horace Ware, after a two-weeks' vacation, has resumed work in the store of O. O. Ware.

Mrs. Mary Hager is working in the office of the Whitingham Mills company in Whitingham.

## STATEMENT NOT FOR POLITICAL EFFECT

Secretary Baker Refuses, However, to Give Out Source of Information for His Scare.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—War and state department officials refused today to disclose the source or specific nature of the information on which Secretary last night issued a statement charging that a bandit attack on American troops in Mexico or on American border towns had been planned to discredit the government's Mexican policy. "The statement was without political purpose and ought to be without political effect," said Secretary Baker.

Said the secretary: "It will have to serve its entire purpose if it serves notice upon the lawless people in Mexico that we have been warned and are prepared."

Secretary Baker declared it was "absurd" to suppose that his statement had been intended to imply that any political interests in the United States desired anything other than peace on the border. Asked just what interests he charged were behind the movement Secretary Baker said: "Everybody knows that many Mexicans in this country are constantly agitating against the de facto government. Any sympathy there may be on the American side of the border with the movement is wholly from this source. The only possible suggestion of a political purpose in the war department's statement is to prevent people in Mexico from creating a disturbance of a political character in furtherance of their own design."

Sec. Lansing said today: "It was quite correctly reported last night in the statement that Secretary Baker's announcement was inspired by absolutely no political considerations as to this country, nor does it mean to infer that Americans of any sort are involved in the plot. There are many refugees in this country who are inimical to the President's Mexican policy who would consider the present time as ripe for the furtherance of their projects. The warning was given simply to protect American lives and property and I have every hope it will be effective."

## FRENCH LINER IS REPORTED ON FIRE

Chicago, with 300 Passengers Aboard, Is Said to Be Headed Toward the Azores.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Reports were current in shipping circles today that the French liner Chicago, with 300 passengers aboard, is on fire at sea and is making for the Azores.

### GREEN RIVER.

Mrs. Emma Stanchiff of Bernardston is at George Lynde's for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gallup have returned from a visit with their son and family in Brattleboro.

Mrs. J. R. Franklin of Gill made a short visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. Thompson, Wednesday.

Mrs. A. G. Gallup and two daughters, left Tuesday for a few days' visit at her old home in Leyden, Mass.

W. P. White of Guilford and Edward Bullard of Hyde Park, Mass., were visitors at H. E. White's this week.

Mrs. Monroe Thompson has closed her house and gone to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Franklin, in Gill, Mass.

The United States produced in 1914, 172,296 short tons of tale and soapstone for the manufacture of talcum powder.

## ENTENTE POWERS GET CONCESSIONS

Their Representatives Reach an Understanding with King of Greece

## WILL COMPLY WITH FOURNE'S DEMANDS

Guarantee of Constitutional Liberties to Greeks Through Operation of Governmental Functions — Venizelos to Continue Recruiting.

ATHENS, Oct. 27.—The understanding reached by King Constantine and representatives of the entente powers is believed to be the immediate result of the conference of the military and political leaders of France and Great Britain at Boulogne last Friday. The terms were: Sincere compliance with the demands of Admiral Fourné, effective maintenance of order in Athens and Piraeus, guarantee of constitutional liberties to Greeks through the operation of the legal functions of the government, no opposition to recruiting for the Venizelos movement.

## HARVARD'S COURSE FOR POLICE OFFICERS

New York Expert in Police Methods Has Been Invited to Be the First Instructor.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 27.—Harvard is to extend its instruction to police officers. It became known today that plans for a course in the duties of officers were under way and would be instituted within a month. Raymond B. Fosdick of New York, regarded as an expert in some branches of police methods, has been invited to be the first instructor. His teachings will deal largely with the keeping of station house records, identification systems and the psychology of interrogating persons arrested.

## THE WEATHER.

Partly Cloudy Tonight and Saturday—Moderate South Winds.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—The weather forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably rain in northern Vermont and northern New Hampshire. Moderate winds becoming south.

### HEADS HARVARD ALUMNI.

President of New Haven Railroad Chosen to Important Position.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 27.—The election of Howard Elliott, president of the New Haven railroad, as president of the Harvard alumni association, was announced today.

More than 100,000 operatives are now employed in American silk manufacturing mills. This is exclusive of those employed in dependent industries.

The best way to stop a heated argument is for both to stop to think is over.



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